Committees' with the contact persons of the level of DCP and other senior officers, installation of Campus Complaint Boxes, organizing training programmes for young women in self defence, posting of plain clothes staff at vulnerable places to curb eve-teasing and molestation, keeping surveillance on criminals and taking action against them, circulation of educative literature and pamphlets on Dos and Don'ts and self defence tips in women's colleges, setting up of women's help line numbers in Police control Rooms, provision of Post Box facility with the Crime Against Women (CAW) Cell in Nanakpura for lodging complaints, constitution of a round-the-clock "Women's Mobile Team" to attend to distress/ emergency calls, detailing PCR vans and beat constables near schools at opening and closing times, regular meetings of local police with school authorities and keeping surveillance on suspected or previously involved persons, particularly, in kidnapping cases.

It has been recommended to the Governments of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal that they prepare similar action plans for dealing with crimes against women and children, since prevention of crime is their responsibility primarily.

Setting up of Trade Barriers by India

*576. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has charged India of setting up trade barriers that harm American manufacturers and farmers;

(b) if so, whether they have pointed out that the country followed anti competitive trade practices and that its tariffs remained remarkably high.;

(c) if so, whether India has considered the report made by the US on India;

(d) if so, what are the main points mentioned in the report; and

(e) what is the reaction of the Indian Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The 2005 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade

barriers was released by United States Trade Representative (USTR) on 30.3.2005 release of such reports is an annual exercise and gives an inventory of the important barriers, which are perceived as affecting US exports of goods and services, foreign direct investment and protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). The current Report has covered USA's 61 major trading partners including India.

(b) The Report has raised concerns with regard to the taxes and tariffs being high, perceived non trade barriers affecting trade, investment and also the deficiencies in the protection of IPRs.

(c) The Report is in the knowledge of the government.

(d) The Report mentions about the import policies of India including import licenses requirement for vehicles, subsidy regime on di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilizer, standards, labeling and certification procedures, sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures, government procurement, IPRs, barriers in trade in services, barriers to investments, anti-dumping laws etc.

(e) These concerns have been discussed from time to time with various representatives of USA and USA acknowledges in the Report that India has taken noteworthy steps to open its markets since 1991 and the government has made substantial progress in restructuring the tariff applied to non agricultural goods.

Multi-Purpose National Identity Cards

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SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 25 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 2005 and state:

(a) what are the names of the agencies given the project of MNICs with rates of each card and the amount earmarked;

(b) whether Government would consider giving subsidy to the State Government for preparing MNICs, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these cards are likely to be in addition to voters Identity